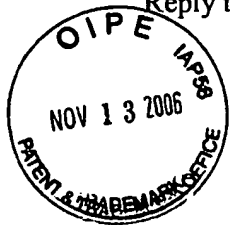


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In response to the Office Action mailed on August 7, 2006, please amend the  
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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on  
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